

Room Nine Tidbits

October 20, 2015

Weekly Objectives

Action Points:

First Grade Families,
Weekly Objectives are:

- Reading/Language Arts — Long a with Silent e—We will practice distinguishing long and short vowel /a/ words. Although there are many ways to spell long a words (ai, ay), we will only focus on silent e this week.

Naming Part (subject) and Telling Part (predicate) of a sentence—Students will identify the naming and telling parts of a sentence.

Kevin Henkes Author Study—We will compare and contrast Kevin Henkes book including Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Chester's Way, Owen and Chrysanthemum.

Plot—Students will identify the character, setting, problem and solution in a story.

- Math — Begin Unit 3—Patterns Students will identify and create shape and color patterns, number patterns such as odd and even and skip

counting patterns on the 100 chart.

- Science — Heat Energy— Students will identify the 3 states of matter (solid, liquid and gas) and describe how heat impacts an object's state of matter.
- Social Studies — Passport Global Research Project— We will research Ireland and create a project to be displayed at the International Festival on November 7.

Looking forward to a great week!



Dates to Remember:

Red Ribbon Week 10/26 - 10/30

Pumpkin Measuring Day in 1st Grade 10/28

Early Dismissal at 12:30 PM 10/28

Book Character Parade—8:15 AM 10/30

International Festival 11/7

PTO Meeting— 6:30 PM 11/10

Math Facts

We will begin a systematic review of Math facts in class this week. The focus is on automaticity. Students should be able to complete 30 problems in 2 minutes. A pre-assessment was given and each student's work will be differentiated based on readiness level.

The sequence of facts is addition facts to 10, subtraction facts to 10, addition facts to 18 and then subtraction facts to 18.

A timed Math facts grade will be given every Friday! A student must show mastery of current level before moving on to a harder level.

Pumpkin Measuring Day

We will measure pumpkins in our classroom next Wednesday, October 28. This is an early dismissal day. We will begin at 8:30 AM and plan to be done before lunch and recess. We will be measuring the weight and circumference of pumpkins and counting the number of seeds in each pumpkin.

We would love for all parents to join us! We are also in need of pumpkins, pumpkin carving kits and small Dixie cups. If you are able to donate and/or attend, it would be greatly appreciated!! Please let me know if you plan to donate or attend so I can plan accordingly. Thanks!!